

RANDALL'S ISLAND PEACE MEETING TOMORROW

America's millions will be represented in their mass demand for peace at Randall's Island tomorrow afternoon at 1 o'clock when delegates from every corner of the country come together in a great People's Meeting to let Washington and the world know that they want no part of this war.

With speakers led by the fighting congressman Vito Marcantonio, and entertainment headed by the great people's artist Paul Robeson, the program for the opening out-door rally will be fitting to the occasion with songs of the people and dances of nations to symbolize the international solidarity of common folk everywhere. [Details on page 2.]

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FORD PICKETS FIRM AS WRIT IS ISSUED

Belgrade in Blackout; Declared Open City

German Legation Heads Go to Berlin, Leave Only Skeleton Staff

BELOGRADE, April 3 (UP).—The Yugoslav government tonight proclaimed Belgrade and the largest provincial centers to be "open cities" without military defenses after reports of a massing of German air force units just across the northern frontier.

(Cabled eye-witness reports from Balkan travelers to the United Press said that Germany has massed an army of more than 200,000 troops in Rumania close by the Yugoslav frontier, perhaps for an immediate attack.)

A government proclamation, broadcast by radio, proclaimed Belgrade, Zagreb, and Ljubljana to be open cities and they were shrouded in complete blackouts beginning tonight.

Belgrade, in addition to being the national capital, is the capital of Serbia while Zagreb is the capital of Croatia and Ljubljana is the capital of Slovenia.

All three cities lie in the exposed northern part of Yugoslavia, beyond the main line of Yugoslav defenses at the Serbian mountains and might easily be overrun in event of a German invasion.

Yugoslav anti-aircraft batteries at Maribor in the northern frontier with Germany today fired on and perhaps hit a foreign pursuit plane, apparently on reconnaissance over Yugoslavia's frontier defenses manned under a full war-like state of mobilization.

German consular and diplomatic officials hurried to Germany tonight on Nazi orders, leaving only a skeleton staff in Belgrade, and the German consul general at Ljubljana was ordered back to the Reich.

At 6:30 P.M. the radio began broadcasting the government's declaration proclaiming Belgrade an open city and an announcement calling for a complete blackout of the capital tonight.

RUMOR 350,000 BRITISH TROOPS IN GREECE

BERLIN, April 3 (UP).—An authorized German military source said tonight that Great Britain may have landed as many as 350,000 troops in Greece.

The statement by the military spokesman made plain that the German High Command appreciates the full seriousness of the situation in the southeast.

The spokesman said that the High Command is well aware that "British troop concentrations in Greece are of quite considerable size."

No Job, Girl Tries Subway Suicide

Margaretta Pinerio, 22, was in Beth David Hospital yesterday after leaping in front of a subway train. Unable to find a job, the pretty, well-dressed girl told doctors she had no desire to live. She stepped off the IRT platform at 103rd St. and Lexington Ave. Wednesday night. The train brushed her under the platform apron. Hospital authorities said she will recover.

Four Die in Fire, Three Escape

PHILADELPHIA, April 3.—Four members of a family of seven perished early today in a fire that destroyed their four-room, two-story frame home in West Mans-junk.

Allis Strikers Score Success as UAW Opens Defense Board Talks; Plant Shut

U. S. Ousts Italian Attache In Ships Case

Charges He Gave Orders for Sabotage on Seized Vessels

WASHINGTON, April 3 (UP).—The United States today demanded the immediate recall of Admiral Alberto Lais, Italian naval attache in Washington, charging in effect that he ordered the sabotage of Italian merchant ships subsequently seized by this government along with German and Danish vessels.

The action—first of its kind since the World War—was ordered by President Roosevelt and carried out by Secretary of State Cordell Hull. It was hinted obliquely that one or more German diplomats may face like action, but Hull said he could not discuss that matter now.

Under the fixed rules of diplomatic protocol, Italy must accept the dictum.

PERSONA NON GRATA

Hull advised the Italian government that Lais was "persona non grata" because "facts and circumstances" connected the attache with illegal acts—the sabotage of 26 of the 28 Italian ships that were seized.

The recall note was sent to the Italian Ambassador, Prince Colonna, who transmitted it to Rome and awaited instructions.

Significant in connection with the ship seizures was disclosure by Treasury Secretary Henry Morgenthau, Jr., that the Treasury and Justice Departments are studying the question of possible forfeiture of the craft to this government.

2 GERMAN SHIPS AFIRE OFF PERU

LIMA, Peru, April 3 (UP).—The Peruvian cruiser Almirante Grau and the destroyer Almirante Guise returned to Callao today after sighting the German freighters Muenchen (3,315 tons) and Herminio (2,819 tons), afire and abandoned off the coast of Peru yesterday.

The warships found no trace of lifeboats from the two vessels.

SEE SWIFT

ROME REPRISALS

ROME, April 3 (UP).—Swift Italian reprisals for the United States government's demand that the Italian naval attache be recalled from Washington were predicted in unofficial but informed quarters tonight after a day of anti-American student demonstrations throughout Italy.



EUGENE ZIMMER

Laborite Raps State Bill to Ban Strikes

Transit Union Asks for Open Hearings on Wicks Bill

(Special to the Daily Worker)

ALBANY, April 3.—The Wicks anti-strike bill, directed primarily at the Transport Workers Union, CIO, was bitterly denounced in the legislature today as "class legislation aimed at the most vital rights of the American working man."

The attack was made by Assemblyman J. Eugene Zimmer of Troy, lone Laborite in the legislature, on a point of personal privilege.

Introduced quietly in the Upper House Thursday by Senator Arthur Wicks, Kingston Republican, it was passed there Monday and adopted by the Assembly without debate yesterday. It extends the 31-year-old railroad sabotage act to include subways, trolleys and buses and makes it a crime punishable by a 20-year sentence to leave one of those vehicles "unattended."

UNION ASKS HEARING

The Transport Workers Union, CIO, meanwhile launched a counter-attack to the Wicks Bill.

Calling the measure a "violation of our state and federal constitutions," Michael J. Quill, international president of the TWU, urged an open public hearing on the measure in a telegram to Governor Herbert H. Lehman.

The telegram said "The Transport Workers Union of America respectfully requests that Your Excellency hold a hearing on and

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Soft Coal Contract Talks At 'Deadline'

110,000 Anthracite Miners Demand \$1 Wage Increase

With the deadline set by the government for an agreement in the bituminous coal industry almost reached, tense activity around the conferences indicated that a decision upon some definite proposal would be forthcoming.

Sub-committees of the union and operators entered the conference room 8:30 last night after holding separate meetings earlier.

Several times during the day the operators separated to get into a huddle on apparently some definite proposal.

John R. Steelman, director of the Federal Conciliation Service, who is meeting with the conferees, has been particularly busy answering Washington calls.

Midnight marked the end of the 48-hour period Steelman had set on Tuesday night after he had reported to President Roosevelt on the situation.

STOPPAGE CONTINUES

More than 400,000 coal miners continued their stoppage which enters the fourth day, awaiting notice from their president, John L. Lewis that a contract has been reached, before they resume digging coal.

Lewis who made no comment on the status of the negotiations as the night session began, had warned Wednesday that resumption of coal production will take place only when the demands of the miners now "reduced to a minimum" are met.

He further warned that "strike-busting" through the "formula" of the National Defense Mediation Board, will not work with the miners.

The operators must have a unanimous vote among the spokesmen for their 21 associations of the Appalachian area before they can agree to a proposal.

Opposition of a die-hard southern group is understood to be the principal obstacle on some points.

The southern operators enjoy a 40 cents a day wage differential which the union demands should be ended. Other demands are the \$1 a day wage increase; 200-day annual work guarantee; two weeks vacation with pay.

At the end of Tuesday's and Wednesday's sessions, Steelman announced that "progress" had been

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Union Stand Wins Withdrawal of Gov't Edict

(Special to the Daily Worker)

MILWAUKEE, Wis., April 3.—Allis-Chalmers strikers tonight chalked up a major victory in their 73-day-old walkout by forcing President Roosevelt's new Defense Mediation Board to back down on its "back-to-work-then-mediate" strike-breaking tactics.

Backed by a community united in aroused anger by brutal police violence, United Auto Workers' Union leaders left for Washington tonight to begin talks with the company Saturday morning at 10.

But unlike other disputes into which the President's new board has stepped, the UAW was not asked to send its members back into the suburban West Allis plant before negotiations begin. Reasons for the board's reticence at open anti-union edicts in this instance was seen in the all-powerful strength which the union has shown in keeping Allis-Chalmers acreage silent as a cemetery since Tuesday's outbreak in which 30 were injured.

The complete support for the CIO strikers by many AFL unions, small merchants, and, in one instance, even from deputies, has branded the Allis-Chalmers Corp. as a law violator and pressured the Mediation Board to proceed more cautiously in this strike.

Serving on the five-man board that will sit on the dispute will be Thomas Kennedy, CIO United Mine Workers secretary-treasurer; Robert Watt of the AFL (sitting instead of George Meany who is in California); Cyrus Ching, U. S. Rubber Corp. vice-president; Eugene Meyer, Washington Post publisher, and William Hammatt Davis, N. Y. attorney who will act as chairman.

Slim, hard-fighting President Harold Christoffel of the striking UAW Local 248 will lead the union delegation to Washington. He told the Daily Worker before departing:

"Our position is the same as before and won't change a bit. If the company gives in, okay, we'll go back to work, if not, well we won't get anywhere."

BACK LEWIS STATEMENT

Christoffel emphasized that the Allis-Chalmers' unionists would stand by John L. Lewis' statement attacking the Mediation Board's tactics of busting strikes, then "mediating."

"We're ready to negotiate, then go back to work. But not go back to work, then negotiate."

The bid for talks from board chairman Clarence A. Dykstra, meanwhile, led to delay of a planned countywide CIO work holiday called by the CIO Council in support of the strike. The demonstration was unanimously backed by 100 delegates at a council meeting which bitterly condemned Milwaukee City officials for lending their anti-union tear gas-throwing "mobile fortress" to the Sheriff for use in West Allis Tuesday. Particularly assailed was ex-Socialist Police Chief T. Kluchensky.

Before the planned parade was called off, CIO unionists at the Hill

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Air Liner Feared Lost in Florida

MIAMI, Fla., April 3 (UP).—An Eastern Air Lines transport plane, carrying 16 persons including Dr. George W. Crile, world famous surgeon and pathologist, was feared tonight to have crashed in an isolated area of northern Florida during a heavy wind and hail storm.

The possibility existed that the plane had made a forced landing in some remote area but that hope was limited because of heavy rains, high winds, hail and low-hanging clouds the ship encountered on a north-bound flight from West Palm Beach, enroute to New York.

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His Nazi Pals Honor Ford: Karl Kapp (right)

Hitler's consul in Cleveland, is shown pinning the Nazi award of the "Grand Cross of the German Eagle" on Henry Ford in 1938. The motor magnate, America's No. 1 fascist, labor foe and union-hater, received the award on the personal instructions of Hitler on Ford's 75th birthday.

State Labor Unity Kills 'Anti-Sabotage' Measures

By S. W. Gerson
(Daily Worker Staff Correspondent)

ALBANY, April 3.—The so-called anti-sabotage bills, unitedly opposed by both AFL and CIO, were handed a surprise defeat today as the legislature sped towards adjournment.

Clocks in both houses were stopped at 2:55 P. M., although completion was closer to midnight. The legislature, which has dilly-dallied in traditional fashion for months, today ground out laws in grist-mill fashion, almost too fast for the newspaper hawks and the swarm of high-priced lobbyists who literally abounded here, to follow.

Although reported favorably by the Senate Committee on National Defense, the anti-sabotage bills could not muster the 26 votes necessary for passage. There was no debate on the measures, but the legislators all had been informed of labor's position by AFL and CIO representatives on the spot.

Watered down somewhat to meet labor objections, the measures were still considered destructive of labor's rights. One bill would have permitted so-called defense manufacturers to post "no trespass" signs on their properties which might have forbidden picketing; the other would have permitted highways adjoining defense factories to be blocked.

The Stokes resolution memorializing Congress to draft strikers in

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Budget Dooms School; Rally Seeks to Save It

The latest and most dramatic casualty resulting from the Rapp-Coudert Committee's attack on the New York Public School System—the "elimination" of the Townsend Harris High School—will be spotlighted tomorrow night.

Abolition of the school was called for by Mayor LaGuardia in his executive budget message on Wednesday. The united fight to have the school, by teachers, students, parents and alumni, will be launched tomorrow night in a meeting of the Townsend Harris Alumni Association. The school is the college-preparatory department of City College, and tomorrow's meeting, to which the public is invited, will be held in Room 4-N of the college building at 23rd St. and Lexington Ave.

Speakers who will call for continuance of the Townsend Harris School at tomorrow night's meeting will include Judge James W. Donahue, chairman of the Alumni Association, Assistant District Attorney John McCarthy, and Sylvester Ryan, Chief District Attorney of the Bronx.

Dr. Robert H. Chastney, acting director of the school, and Dr. William Roy Regg, faculty member and chairman of the Townsend

Harris Defense Committee, are leading in the fight against disbanding of the school. Dr. Chastney stated yesterday, "There is no economy in the abolition of Townsend Harris, even if one judges only by the per capita cost of high school education. . . . And certainly there will be no gain to our community if the foremost public secondary school for boys in this state is abolished."

Townsend Harris is unique in that it is the only high school in the city which covers the academic curriculum in three years. Its students are required to have an "A" average in their elementary school grades and to pass severe entrance examinations. It is the oldest free public high school in the city, having been founded in 1847 as the Free Academy, out of which both City College and Townsend Harris grew.

Saturday's meeting will be followed by an open meeting of the Parent-Teachers Association of Townsend Harris on Monday, in the school's auditorium. At both meetings, a petition drive will be launched, calling on the members of the State Board of Higher Education to restore the budget so that the school may continue to exist.

Lines Form Steel Ring About Plant; Talks Snag

Union Issues Minimum Demands for Prompt Settlement

DETROIT, April 3 (UP).

—Federal Judge Arthur J. Tuttle tonight issued an injunction against the Congress of Industrial Organizations and its international union, the United Automobile Workers, in the strike at the River Rouge plant of the Ford Motor Co.

The injunction was requested by the company, and was directed at the UAW, the CIO, and the Communist Party of the United States. Judge Tuttle ruled, however, that insufficient evidence was presented at the hearing to show that the Communist Party was involved.

Tuttle said he would hear the UAW-CIO's reply to the injunction tomorrow morning.

(Special to the Daily Worker)

DETROIT, April 3.—A mass meeting of Ford workers and their families has been called for 7 P.M. Friday in the State Fair Coliseum at which Michael F. Widman, Jr., director of the Ford Organizing Committee, said he would give a full accounting of the progress of the strike.

By William Allan

(Special to the Daily Worker)

DEARBORN, Mich., April 3.—The Ford strike of 81,000 River Rouge plant workers entered its third day today with UAW-CIO union ranks solid as they picketed every gate in the 1,200 acre area covered by the largest automobile plant in the entire world.

The few thousands that still stayed in after the strike call at midnight Tuesday today left the plant with only the service men and some Ford officials remaining. If anything emphasized the complete encirclement of the plant, this did.

Like a ring of steel the workers today in tremendous lines were before every gate 24 hours a day. Last night it was not the flare of the furnaces that lit the sky, it was camp fires of the pickets.

FLAT REJECTION

Negotiations to settle the strike practically broke off this afternoon when Henry Ford's chief spokesman Harry Bennett, spokesman for Henry and Edsel Ford, stated: "They can negotiate until Christmas, but we will not put the eight men back to work."

The eight men referred to were a UAW-CIO union committee from the rolling mill who were fired last Tuesday when they attempted to negotiate with the company on a grievance.

If anything proves again the anti-labor policies of Ford this latest outburst of Bennett does. Yesterday his line was that the company would not deal with the UAW-CIO until all the blockades on the highways leading into the Rouge plant were removed.

At a late hour last evening the UAW-CIO did this. The State Police are now at the plant, sent by Governor Murray D. Van Wagoner to "maintain order."

The Ford Motor Company said that they would agree not to try to open the plant if the union would withdraw the blockade.

Today Bennett has reverted back to his ancient line that "it's all a Communist plot and is a move to

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BROWDER SAYS---

"YES, America is in the imperialist war, for imperialist aims, despite all the chatter and prattle about 'liberty' and 'democracy' and other nice things, and despite the illusion that it is still a matter for debate as to whether 'we shall go in.'"

"There are still a few Congressmen who seem to think that Congress has something to say about it. They are dreaming of the past. Congress abdicated its power last

September, when it gave silent consent to Roosevelt's coup d'etat of the destroyers-bases deal, the date of which, September 3, will probably be taken by future historians to mark United States' entrance into the war. Roosevelt already has seized and exercised all the powers that Congress debates giving him; Congress has left for itself no role but that of voting 'Ja.'—"The Way Out," by Earl Browder: pages 201-2.

Cubans Launch Drive to Free Browder

Call Him a Symbol of Fight for Political Victims; Cable FDR

(By Intercontinental News)
HAVANA, April 3.—The Committee for Freedom in the Americas and the Union Revolucionaria Comunista have launched a campaign here this week to bring the Cuban people into the struggle to free Earl Browder.

The Committee for Freedom in the Americas has announced that it will take up the case of Earl Browder as the central symbol in the struggle for the liberation of political prisoners.

The president and the vice-president of the Union Revolucionaria Comunista have sent a cable to President Roosevelt demanding that he use the powers granted him under the United States Constitution to release Browder from prison.

The National Executive Committee of the Union Revolucionaria Comunista adopted a resolution scoring the imprisonment of Browder, "sincere and loyal friend of all the weak and oppressed peoples, and particularly Cuba," and calling upon all organizations to adopt resolutions and initiate work to free Earl Browder.

The resolution adopted by the National Executive Committee of the URC reads:

"The Executive Committee of the Union Revolucionaria Comunista learned with indignation and pain the news of Earl Browder's entering prison—Browder, the great American leader and fighter for peace, for the independence and liberation of our oppressed countries, and for Socialism—to serve a sentence imposed on him by American reaction."

ASSAIL FRAME-UP

"The Executive Committee of the Union Revolucionaria Comunista knows that the passport violation charge was framed to silence his strong, clear voice which denounces the present oppressive and unjust war and also the policy of the North American oppressors, who are preparing to intervene in this war, who have abandoned the 'good neighbor' policy for 'dollar diplomacy,' and who oppress our countries and stifle their independence."

"The National Executive Committee understands that Earl Browder, as the representative of the great and generous North American people, is a sincere and loyal friend of all the weak, oppressed people, and particularly Cuba, whose cause, progress and welfare he has always defended with love and dignity. His imprisonment is a blow directed by the reactionaries against the independence and liberty of our peoples, threatening those who here and in the United States demand respect for our sovereignty and the development of our economic liberation."

"Bearing these facts in mind, the Executive Committee of the URC resolves to organize a great campaign throughout the country, mobilizing Cuban public opinion, the lovers of liberty and progress, for the freedom of Earl Browder—and thus to fight against the horrors that are war and for all the well being of the masses."

"The Union Revolucionaria Comunista calls upon all its affiliates and sympathizers, all progressive citizens and all popular organizations to work without rest to obtain the freedom of this new prisoner."

"For the freedom of Earl Browder!"

'Panzer' Troops Recapture Benghazi

Lightning Counter-Drive Pushes British Back 170 Miles

CAIRO, April 3 (UP).—The British Army of the Nile has abandoned the vital seaport of Benghazi, capital of Eastern Libya, under attacks of German and Italian "Panzer" forces which have driven back the spearhead of Britain's North African conquest 170 miles, it was announced tonight.

The sweep of the German and Italian armored forces, aided by Axis planes, which forced General Sir Archibald Wavell's forces to evacuate Benghazi, was carried out with the same lightning speed that marked the British conquest.

Within a few days, beginning with the taking of El Agheila which

Free Browder, Illinois Miners Ask

(Special to the Daily Worker)

GILLESPIE, Ill., April 3.—Miners and other workers of this largest coal center of Illinois at a mass rally addressed by Mother Bloor this week sharply condemned the war government's imprisonment of Earl Browder and addressed a protest to President Roosevelt.

Chairman of the meeting was Frank Mucci, Communist organizer in this area.

The resolution, voted upon by the audience, called

the jailing of Browder "fascist-like," and demanded his immediate freedom.

"Browder's conviction is not only directed against Browder himself," the protest to Roosevelt read, "or alone against the Communist Party, but is also directed and is part of the whole drive to weaken and hamstring the labor movement so as to make it easier to plunge America into the war. Further, it is a blow and a warning to all those in America who love and desire peace."

Mexico Unions Forge Unity at Labor Parley

Workers Hail New Step By CTM; Over 120,000 Organized in Group

By Alfred Miller

(Special to the Daily Worker)

MEXICO CITY, April 3.—More than 120,000 workers of this Federal District organized into one trade union when the Unity Congress, organized by the CTM, ended last Sunday. The four local trade union centers which

existed previously were replaced by the Federation of Workers of the Federal District, a CTM affiliate.

Fidel Velasquez, CTM general secretary and chairman of the Congress, hailed the action of the delegates as an important step in Mexican trade union history which would give further impulse to the efforts that are now being made to establish national unity between the CTM, the CROM (Regional Confederation of Mexican Workers), the Mine & Metal Workers Union, the Power House Workers Union, and other trade unions which have no national affiliations.

CONGRESS AIMS

The Congress voted that the new organization will continue to struggle for:

"1. The maintenance of all the conquests achieved by our people until today and for the constant advance of our Revolution."

"2. The maintenance of the Party of the Mexican Revolution (PRM) as the best guarantee for the existence of an authentic, creative democracy in Mexico."

"3. For the existence of trade union liberties and for the freedom of organization of the masses of the people of our country."

"4. For the economic and political liberation of the Mexican people."

"Any attempt to lessen the popular liberties and the conquests achieved until now," the resolution passed unanimously, declared, "will be fought with all our forces. We support the call made by our National Committee (CTM) upon all the revolutionary and progressive groups of our country and we invite all our affiliated organizations and those with which we have fraternal relations, to maintain closed ranks so that counter-revolutionary elements and the agents of international fascism are unable to develop their perfidious, divisionist and treasonous work."

Mexico's Minister of Labor, Ignacio Garcia Teller, and other government officials participated in the Congress, and applauded the unity achieved by the delegates.

77 Survivors of British Ship Land at Canary Isles

MADRID, April 3 (UP).—Seventy-seven survivors from 480 men aboard the 8,800-ton British steamer Britannia, said to have been attacked and sunk in the South Atlantic by a German raider, were reported to have been landed in the Canary Islands today.

The survivors, according to a dispatch from Santa Cruz, Tenerife, were picked up by the Spanish steamer Cabo Hornos after losing about in lifeboats and on rafts in shark-infested waters for five days. At least 75 of the others were known dead and the rest were feared lost.

marked the high-water mark of Gen. Wavell's offensive, the German and Italian forces successively took Brega and Agadabia. Presumably the British also have yielded Zueitina, Solluch and Ghemines.

The British Army of the Nile, led by Australian, captured Benghazi on Feb. 6 at the peak of the offensive which began Dec. 9 at a point 70 miles deep into Egypt.



Pennies for Peace: Mary London, chairman of the American Students Union of the Washington Irving High School, evening session collects the first contribution by William Levitas, truck driver, in the three-day tag day sponsored by the American Peace Mobilization. The tag day began yesterday and will continue through tomorrow. Funds will be used to defray expenses of the American People's Meeting opening tomorrow at Randall's Island.

Ask No Food to Franco During Refugee Ban

Spanish Aid Group Wires Hull; Cite Mexican-Vichy Agreement

Secretary of State Cordell Hull was urged yesterday to withhold all further American food gifts to Spain, until Generalissimo Franco lifts his ban on the departure of Spanish refugees from French concentration camps to Mexico.

The request was made in a telegram sent by the United American Spanish Aid Committee, 425 Fourth Ave., parent organization of the American Rescue Ship Mission.

The committee based its communication to Secretary Hull on statements published recently in the metropolitan press in which General Francisco J. Aguilar, Mexican minister at Vichy, asserted that Franco was responsible for the action taken last week by the French Government in removing from a vessel at Marseilles 348 Spanish refugees bound for Mexico.

The telegram pointed out that the Mexican envoy reaffirmed the willingness of his government to accept the refugees under the terms of an agreement signed last August with the Vichy government.

The telegram to Secretary Hull follows: "Justice and humanity demand that you call upon General Franco to lift his ban on transportation of Spanish refugees from French concentration camps to Mexico. Mexican Minister Aguilar at Vichy reaffirms the willingness of his government to accept them. Franco now is receiving American food. Urgent withholding of all supplies until Franco lifts his interference with Mexican-Vichy agreement governing refugee evacuation."

Dr. Edward K. Barsky, chairman of the committee, declared that his organization was still searching the ship markets for a suitable vessel to transport Spanish refugees and their families from the French camps to friendly Latin American countries.

Brazil Seizes Italian Vessel

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, April 3 (P).—The Italian freighter Teresa, 6,131 tons, was attached today for failure to pay port duties. A representative of the Ministry of Justice accompanied by 14 soldiers boarded the ship and presented the attachment order.

The Italian freighter Himalaya arrived today and according to port authorities it had come from Chisimale, Italian Somaliland.

Mystery Seen In Suicide of Premier Teleki

Hungarian's Axis Count Driven to Death by Hitler Rumored

BUDAPEST, April 3 (UP).—Hungarian Premier Count Paul Teleki ended his life with a revolver at dawn today because of the "international situation," and rumors spread that German demands served on him by Adolf Hitler had driven him to suicide.

Dr. Ladislav De Bardsosy, former Minister and close friend of Teleki, was named the new premier tonight by Hungarian Regent Admiral Nicholas De Horthy. Bardsosy retains the office of foreign minister and will keep all of Teleki's cabinet ministers, it was announced.

The 62-year-old Count Teleki who delivered Hungary into the Axis ranks two years ago as the alliance, was the second top-ranking first junior partner of the dictators.

Teleki was said in diplomatic gossip tonight to have told his Cabinet only two days ago: "Within 48 hours an important event can be expected which will crystallize the situation."

His cryptic statement was made, it was understood, during a grave Cabinet conference on the Yugoslav-German crisis.

Sudetens Jailed For Anti-Nazi Declarations

BASLE (By Mail) (ICN).—The severest punishment is being meted out in Sudeten Germany for anti-German remarks.

The Karlsruher Tageblatt, for example, recently reported that a woman, Pauline Z. was sent to prison for six months for remarks about the German army made in a restaurant in the presence of soldiers and civilians.

Anna B., the paper also reported, was sent to prison for four months for speaking to Polish agricultural workers and "inciting criticism against the defensive struggle of the German people."

Britain Blocks Dean's Visit to Peace Meeting

APM Leader Calls Act Exposure of British 'Democracy' Talk

The Dean of Canterbury's attempts to come to America to attend and to address the American People's Meeting in New York on April 5 and 6, are being blocked by the British government, the American Peace Mobilization declared yesterday.

The Dean (Hewlett Johnson) last week informed the APM by radiogram of his intention to attend the Meeting. He said that he was "seeking necessary permits, facilities."

However, a wire recently received asserted that the Dean must "regretfully decline." The wire read: "For causes beyond my control must now regretfully decline invitation. Indispensable facilities etc. not forthcoming. Warm greetings to delegates."

APM Executive Secretary Frederick V. Field replied immediately to the Dean of Canterbury, asking further details. The Dean indicated in his answer that the British government was blocking any overseas trip on his part. He wired:

"Special transit facilities dependent on government priority not accorded. Ordinary methods impossible."

Action of the British officials was characterized by Field as "revealing the small degree of actual devotion to the democratic ideal on the part of the Churchill government."

"It is significant that British agents like Somerset Maugham and Noel Coward can obtain travel facilities with great ease, while those who speak for peace and the people are denied permits," Field added.

BRITISH BAR VISIT

"These men bring tales from the heart of the American people. They tell the modern and the true folk tale."

First, there was Richard Shaughnessy. . . .

"I'm Irish—you can tell that by my name, can't you?—and a Catholic. We three fellows here, we're just on here from Washington, where we attended the Mediation Board meeting. We went to Washington from Chicago, where the back-to-work movement was started last week by the Harvester Company, helped by the police."

Shaughnessy is stocky, ruddy, clear-eyed and, above all, clear-headed.

He is president of Local 101, Farm Equipment Workers of America, CIO. The two men with him were also members of that local.

"We're here to attend the APM demonstration because we believe in it," he said, adding: "They used the old 'national defense' joke on us out there in Chicago when they tried to make us go back to work before we were ready to go. But it didn't take. You can't fool the people out there with that kind of talk."

Sure, he declared, he was for national defense, but it must be the real thing. As he himself put it: "I'm for the national defense that begins in our own homes, and I'm for that kind first, last and always."

EX-SERVICE MAN

Earl L. Blanchard, of French-American descent, is the only CIO man on the Appeal Board of the State of Illinois.

"We're for America, yes," Blanchard said emphatically. "We'll go to town for America, but not to make these tractors, tanks and trucks to turn out millions."

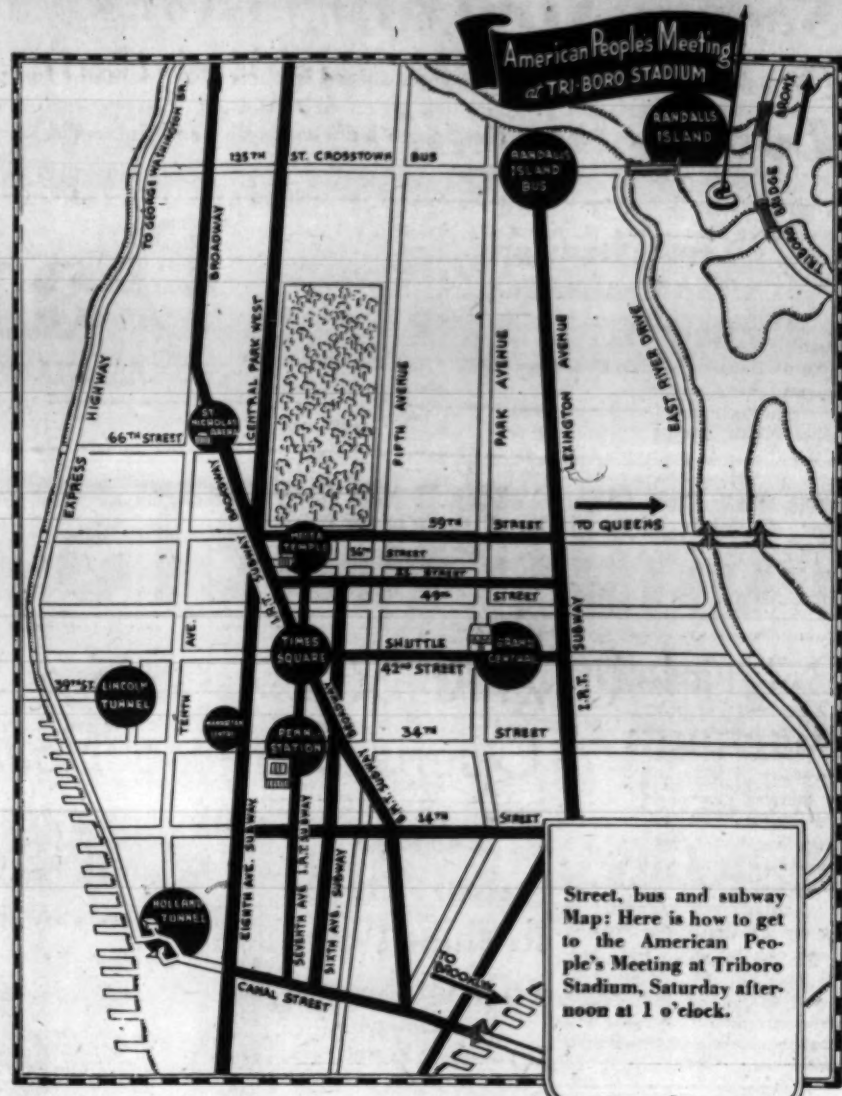
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Delegates to APM Bring True Folk Tale

The fellows from the picket lines are coming in! They are coming to take part in the great American People's Meeting this week-end at Randall's Island and in Mecca Temple.

There was a bunch of them in the offices of the American Peace Mobilization yesterday.

These men bring tales from the heart of the American people. They tell the modern and the true folk tale.

First, there was Richard Shaughnessy. . . .

"I'm Irish—you can tell that by my name, can't you?—and a Catholic. We three fellows here, we're just on here from Washington, where we attended the Mediation Board meeting. We went to Washington from Chicago, where the back-to-work movement was started last week by the Harvester Company, helped by the police."

Shaughnessy is stocky, ruddy, clear-eyed and, above all, clear-headed.

He is president of Local 101, Farm Equipment Workers of America, CIO. The two men with him were also members of that local.

"We're here to attend the APM demonstration because we believe in it," he said, adding: "They used the old 'national defense' joke on us out there in Chicago when they tried to make us go back to work before we were ready to go. But it didn't take. You can't fool the people out there with that kind of talk."

Sure, he declared, he was for national defense, but it must be the real thing. As he himself put it: "I'm for the national defense that begins in our own homes, and I'm for that kind first, last and always."

EX-SERVICE MAN

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Queens Jury Out Today in Arsdale Case

AFL Head, 14 Others Defend Selves on 'Riot' Charges

A jury in Queens County Court some time today will begin its deliberations in the case of Harry Van Arsdale, Jr., manager of Local 3 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, AFL, and 14 other members of the local on a variety of charges arising out of a strike at the Glendale plant of the Triangle Conduit and Cable Co. which began last fall.

Judge James W. Bailey will begin his charge to the jury at 10:15 A.M. The trial, which began on March 4, was brought abruptly to the summation stage last Tuesday when the defense, in a surprise move, rested its case with six defendants and some 50 witnesses unquestioned.

Both sides summed up their cases before the jury yesterday and the day before the prosecution taking only one hour and the defense a day and a half.

One of the defense attorneys described the prosecution's presentation of its case as "in extremely weak summary."

The defense held that actual study of testimony of prosecution witnesses showed such a mass of contradictions and inconsistencies as to amount to perjury.

Earlier one of the original 18 defendants was discharged, and one count of unlawful assembly against all the defendants was dismissed. Previously, two other counts had been dismissed.

The charges accuse the defendants of "riotous and violent" activity at the scene of the plant, which is still on strike.

In its summation yesterday, the defense charged that the company sought, "with strong-arm, hired private detectives, to create trouble so that there would be a basis for a civil action for an injunction to prevent picketing."

Many of the defendants proved on the stand that they had not been near the plant on days when they were accused of violent acts.

Big Philadelphia Rally for Peace Delegates Today

(Special to the Daily Worker)

PHILADELPHIA, April 3.—A delegation of more than 400 members of trade union, fraternal and neighborhood organizations will leave this city on Saturday morning to attend the American People's Meeting at Randall's Island Triboro Stadium.

A send-off rally will be held tomorrow at Town Hall here. The principal speakers will be Rev. Owen Knox, Chairman of the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties; Eugene Connolly of the American Labor Party and Herbert Bierbaum of Los Angeles.

Already the Philadelphia Industrial Union Council has voted to send an observer on behalf of its 80,000 members to the April 5-6 peace meeting in New York.

Rap Lady Astor: She Grows Flowers Instead of Food

LONDON, April 3 (UP).—William Leach, Labor member, charged today in Parliament that 15 gardeners on Lady Astor's Cliveden estate "almost exclusively tend flowers, which are camouflaged by inter-sown lettuce." Instead of growing foodstuffs.

Leach demanded that Robert Hudson, Minister of Agriculture, "put an end to this defiance of the national interests." The Laborite member said no efforts were made to grow foodstuffs on the big Astor estate "except for the house."

Second Strike at N.J. Phelps-Dodge Looms in Ballot

Copper Plant Rejects Every Demand of CIO Electrical Union, 1,500 Take Strike Vote; CIO Leader Cites Issues

(Special to the Daily Worker)
ELIZABETH, N. J., April 3.—A second strike in two months appeared imminent at the Bayway plant of the Phelps-Dodge Copper Corporation here as 1,500 workers began taking a strike vote today.

The balloting came as a result of a complete refusal of the weakly corporation to grant a single demand of the recognized collective bargaining agency in the plant, the CIO United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers local union.

Local 441 of the UERWA won a plant election conducted by the NLRB following a walkout during January and immediately opened negotiations with the corporation.

REJECT ALL DEMANDS

Long weeks of parleys revealed that the powerful corporation had no intention of doing other than "negotiate" with the workers' representatives, union officials said yesterday. Every demand of the union was flatly turned down. They include: a union shop, time and a half pay for over 40 hours work; time and a half for Saturdays and double time for Sundays; a two-week vacation with pay for employees more than five years with the corporation; a week vacation for employees working less than that period; seven holidays annually and seniority rights.

The union asked no general wage increase, but sought a 10 per cent bonus for night workers.

Neil Brandt, regional organizer of the union said yesterday, as the balloting was in progress on the strike vote:

"Inasmuch as our demands have been most reasonable, and inasmuch as we did not ask for a general wage increase, we feel that the money outlay involved in our demands can very easily be met by the company. For that reason we have taken a strike vote."

WORKERS VOTE

Ballot boxes were placed at the plant entrance yesterday morning at 6 A.M. Throughout the day and evening the three shifts of workers dropped their votes into the boxes as they left the plant at the end of each shift. City authorities of Elizabeth and officials of the union supervised the balloting.

The Phelps-Dodge copper plant here has in excess of \$30,000,000 in government war orders. It supplies copper sheeting, tubes and fittings mainly to the U. S. Navy. The strike ballot will be counted at a local union membership meeting to be held at the Polish National Home, near the plant here, next Sunday.

American Ship Unloads Food Supplies in France

MARSEILLE, FRANCE, April 3 (UP).—Arriving with its second cargo of food supplies for France the American steamer Exmouth docked here today and immediate unloading was ordered by Richard Allen, director in France for the American Red Cross.

The Exmouth brought 4,000 tons of condensed and powdered milk, for which there is a pressing need in the Alps and southern "hunger belt."

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City CIO Hails Lewis Attack on Forced Talks

Warning on Mediation 'Formulas' Backed by Council

The Greater New York Industrial Union Council, composed of CIO unions with more than 500,000 members affiliated to it, yesterday sent a telegram to John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, CIO, expressing "complete support" of his resounding challenge to the administration's present anti-labor and strike-breaking attacks on union strikers throughout the nation.

Lewis, in an address to the Tri-District Anthracite Convention at the Hotel Roosevelt in New York City on Wednesday, warned the administration that the 400,000 miners now idle because of a contract deadlock with the bituminous coal operators, will not permit any strike-breaking "formula" by the National Defense Mediation Board to divide their ranks.

The CIO Council in its telegram to Lewis declared:

"Your vigorous forthright statement on dangers of forced mediation and in defense of labor's right to participate in the benefits of this nation is most encouraging to labor today. Believe you spoke not only for the union which built the CIO, the United Mine Workers of America, but for all American workers. Your courageous leadership has the complete support of our council and its affiliated 500,000 members."

The telegram was signed by Joseph Curran, president, and Saul Mills, secretary of the Greater New York Industrial Union Council, CIO.

Defense Wins Point In Bridges Trial

(Special to the Daily Worker)

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 3.—With great difficulty Harry Bridges' defense attorneys, extracted from Judge Sears in the Bridges hearing here today the right to 24 hours' investigation of a surprise witness before cross examination.

Prosecutors Goodwin and Del Guercio protested furiously. It was the efficient investigation of prosecution witnesses in the first Bridges' trial that showed them all labor spies, petty and great criminals, jail birds, drunkards, and "pathological liars" as the trial examiner had to call one of them.

The Department of Justice has repeatedly let it be known that this trial is going to be different.

Witness Ezra Chase was the man in question. He is from Los Angeles, was active in trade union and unemployed work, says he was a Communist from 1929 to 1937 when he "left the Party because it wanted me to change from the AFL to the CIO." Chase followed up Giltow's line of attack on the CIO, apparently one of the main objectives of the trial.

EX-COMMUNIST

Chase was the first witness to mention Bridges, saying that Communists were told to attend a meeting where Bridges addressed both Communists and non-Communists, and Bridges told them the tactics to use in drawing unions into the CIO. The prosecution's theory has always been that the Communists and the CIO told Bridges what to do.

Third witness in the case is Farrell Schneringer of Milwaukee, who says he was in the Communist Party from 1930 to 1935. He has so far added nothing to the supposedly inside story told by Giltow of Communist Party history and practices, but he tells it with gusto, evident exhibitionism and effeminate gestures. He named Lyle Cooper, economy professor of Marquette University, as a secret Communist. Into the rambling accounts of all the prosecution witnesses, the prosecution repeatedly interjects a question: "What was their purpose?" and the witnesses one and all reply in identical words of the charge against Bridges, "for the purpose of overthrowing the United States government by force and violence."

Soviet Iron and Steel Industries Exceed Plan

(Wireless to Intercontinental News)

MOSCOW, April 3.—Summing up the results of the work of Soviet industry during the first quarter of 1941, the Soviet press notes that the iron and steel industry overfulfilled the plan for steel smelting and rolled steel. The coal mining plan was exceeded during the first quarter also. Output is rising from month to month. The oil and gas output has topped the plan for the first quarter.

'Sacrifice' Is for Labor Only

How Mr. Knudsen Collected \$33,000

It is wonderful to be a Dollar-a-Year man. Ask Mr. William Knudsen. He knows. As director general of the OPM "defense" board, Mr. Knudsen supervises defense contracts.

General Motors gets 'defense contracts' out of which it pays big dividends. But Mr. Knudsen is also a stockholder of General Motors who owns 9,530 shares of GM stock which are worth about \$400,000 at present Stock Exchange prices. On this stock, Mr. Knudsen collected \$33,000

in dividends last year, and over \$7,000 thus far this year (reported by Labor Research Association from records of SEC). This is his share of "sacrifice," no doubt.

When American workers are "ordered back to work" by the OPM—as in the case of the Allis-Chalmers strike—the stockholders naturally benefit. They always benefit by low wages and high profits.

And Mr. Knudsen is quite a stockholder. What does it all mean? Figure it out yourself.

Ford Picket Lines Firm As Injunction Is Granted

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create a revolutionary situation so that the Communists can have the conditions necessary for the setting up of the dictatorship of the proletariat."

The following statement was issued this morning by R. J. Thomas and Michael P. Widman, Jr., in reply to red-baiting statements of Bennett:

"Mr. Bennett has allowed himself to be goaded into releasing the kind of red-herring that the Ford attorney, Mr. Capizzi, tried unsuccessfully to use in the recent election hearings before the NLRB. The issue then and now is the same. The Ford Motor Company is not afraid of Communism. It is afraid of the United States Government."

"The record of the UAW-CIO is clear and needs no elaboration on this point. We are opposed to Communism, Nazism and Fascism. We have made that clear in an official resolution at our most recent convention. That is more than Mr. Ford, recipient of a Hitler medal, can say."

STATEMENT OF DEMANDS

A statement of the demands of the UAW-CIO was submitted to Governor Murray D. Van Wagoner and to Federal Conciliator James F. Dorey at 3 P.M. today.

The statement follows: "On behalf of the United Automobile Workers, CIO, and its members who are now on strike at the River Rouge plant of the Ford Motor Company, we propose the following basis for settlement of the dispute and resumption of operations:

"Recognition of the union for its members in the Rouge plant; the final status of the union in the plant to be determined by an NLRB election.

"An agreement by the Ford Motor Company and the UAW-CIO representing its members in the River Rouge plant, that the company establish in the plant standards of wages and provisions for seniority, handling of grievances, etc., which are part of the union's current agreements with General Motors and Chrysler Corporation; the details of such an agreement to be worked out in joint conferences which are to be completed within a week.

"Upon acceptance of the above points, operations in the plant to be resumed with reinstatement of all strikers and all workers discharged because of union activities.

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The solidarity between Negro and white was further strengthened today when the United Auto Workers Union and its Ford Organizing Committee issued a joint statement emphasizing that the union's "constitution and practice does not tolerate racial discrimination." At the same time the union undertook to distribute throughout the Negro communities of the city a leaflet setting forth its insistence on no discrimination and appealing for preservation of the unity already existing.

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The Real News About Ford

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These conditions led to earlier stoppages—but they were practically ignored by almost the entire press. Only the Daily Worker reported them in full and placed the responsibility for them where it belonged—at the door of the open-shop company.

On Friday, March 14, more than two weeks before the present strike, the Daily Worker carried the headline: "3,000 Ford Workers Win Historic Detroit Stoppage."

On March 20, the Daily Worker informed its readers in another front page headline that "Stoppage by 10,000 Ford Workers Wins Reinstatement of 15 Men."

As Ford hoped to break this resistance to his increasing lawlessness, most of the press conspired to help him with a blanket of silence.

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Soft Coal Contract Talks At 'Deadline'

110,000 Anthracite Miners Demand \$1 Wage Increase

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made. Nearing the critical deadline hour, Steelmen refrained from any comment.

Reporters questioned him from all sides on whether Roosevelt would use a "big stick" but Steelmen only smiled in reply.

At the Roosevelt Hotel, delegates at the Tri-District Convention of the United Mine Workers, heard the report of the scale committee on proposals for the next contract to cover 110,000 anthracite miners. The convention will formally adopt the proposals today.

The proposals include a raise of \$1 a day; 20 per cent on all rates based on tonnage; guarantee of 200 working days a year; time and one half for overtime; abolition of physical examinations, through which much discrimination results; elimination of contracting; seniority, and other demands.

Anthracite operators and union representatives go into negotiations April 8. The outcome of these negotiations, with the deadline on April 30, it is believed, will depend in large measure on the result for the bituminous mines.

and nothing misses the eyes of these flying squads.

Police today stated that on Greenfield Road 1,000 cars an hour pass along. This gives an idea of the steel ring that has the giant Rouge plant bottled up.

Another new feature of strike activity is picket lines with hundreds marching in them with kettledrums to beat out time to the marching feet of the strikers. Big bass drums carry the beat for the lines on both sides of Miller Road.

Sound-cars parade constantly filling the air with militant union songs.

Late at night we got high up in a position where we could see the entire plant. It was an awesome sight, the ring of fires surrounding the great plant while in the center the plant itself showed barely a light. Once in a while some one in a yard would strike a match or flash a torch. When the plant is working, the sky for many miles around knows no dark pall of night. Today the city of Dearborn without a doubt is back in the United States. In the streets, union buttons are seen on men, women and children. Songs are heard on the streets. Last night shortly before dawn I heard in the main street UAW-CIO song "Old Man Ford ain't what he used to be, since the CIO."

MAIN STRIKE SONG
This is the main strike song and is sung everywhere. The tune is "The Old Gray Mare."

For a strike of such tremendous scope the discipline is something to marvel at. All beer gardens in the strike area are closed by request of the union. We have yet to see a drunk on any picket line or around any union strike headquarters. Strict instructions are that no one drinking shall be on the line.

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Fight Bay State Fire: Firefighters from six Massachusetts cities and towns sought desperately to stem this fire at a rubber plant in Canton. The fire threatened to touch off twelve tanks of highly explosive naphtha.

Allis Strikers Score Success As Defense Board Talks Open

Union Stand Wins Withdrawal of Gov't Edict

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Co., owned by Gov. Julius Heil, voted to join in the holiday.

Also condemning the Milwaukee police was the Federated Trades Council, AFL central body, whose rightist leadership was pressured to act by the growing discontent in many locals against their attempt to use the Allis-Chalmers situation to fight the CIO.

Surprising, too, was the censuring of two suburban police officers by the Greendale Village Board because they journeyed to West Allis to join in the assault on strikers Monday and Tuesday. This follows action by Deputy Sheriff Harold Plumb, who turned in his badge Monday. His resignation has been refused and his "dishonorable discharge" is being asked.

Along with this backing, the general public is vigorously behind the union. Throughout West Allis, small storekeepers have placed signs in their windows pledging "we support the Allis-Chalmers workers. Helping the Allis-Chalmers strike is helping the community."

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"The workers have this strike won. This is the greatest display of solidarity ever seen in this state. Sheriff Joseph J. Shimmers knows the workers have won. That is why he is trying to provoke violence by shooting tear gas."

"Don't fall for this trap. Keep calm. We will settle with him and his kind when this strike is over. The Allis-Chalmers workers will never forget him and the men who aided him in attempting to maim women and children who were mere spectators."

The Communist Party tomorrow will distribute 20,000 leaflets throughout the city calling for support to the strike. The Party blasts at the OPM attempt to break the walkout and declares:

"The company pretends it is its patriotic duty to start using force and violence against the workers and the people in the sacred cause of its own profits."

"And who are the forces who join in this hypocritical and brutal game of attacking and intimidating the people? First, Governor Heil, who showed his own understanding that under capitalism the state machinery is at the service of the capitalists, and who gave the official green light for violence against the people by having himself deputized as special number one."

"Second, the crooning Mayor Zeidler, whose smiles and hand-shaking will not make the people forget that he had himself deputized in the Allis-Chalmers strike as special deputy number two, and mobilized the Milwaukee police equipment and had Milwaukee police make special deputes in order to attack the Allis-Chalmers strikers."

"Only when the workers and farmers break away from the two old parties and unite the strength of all genuine anti-war progressive forces in a party of the people will they be able to elect officials who are not the tools of the corporations. The Socialist Party through the

unlimited and vicious red-baiting by its state secretary, Frank Zeidler; through the action of Socialist Assemblyman Biemiller in supporting and accepting membership in the "Little Dies" Committee has also contributed as much as it could to the company's strikebreaking."

SWOC Wins Phila. Strike At Brill Co.

Gains Wage Increases, Speedup Control in New Contract

(Special to the Daily Worker)

PHILADELPHIA, April 3.—The Steel Workers Organizing Committee added another victory to its organization score with its successful strike against the J. G. Brill Automobile Co. here.

Terms of the agreement by which the 1,500 strikers returned to work after a 23-day strike are:

1. An increase of eight cents an hour to 45¢ skilled day workers. Their price range was from 62 to 68 cents an hour. This is raised to 70 to 81¢ cents an hour.

2. By June 29, semi-skilled workers will receive an eight-cent-an-hour raise too, with the range changing from 52 to 65 cents an hour to 60 to 90 cents.

3. Five cents an hour is added to the basic day rate for 800 piece workers. These workers are guaranteed 20 per cent above the base rate. Formerly they received 15 per cent above the base rate.

4. All night workers will receive five per cent additional pay.

5. Piece work rates cannot be changed without the consent of the union. It is hoped that this last provision will aid in halting the mounting speed-up which the plant making gun mountings for the U. S. Army in its \$500,000 defense contract has begun.

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gross, among other strikebreakers, armed with missiles supplied by the Ford Service Department, against the picket line. The group was misled and did not represent the sentiment of the overwhelming majority of Negro Ford workers.

"While this inspired violence was being carried on, the company, through its agents have been stirring up racial hatred outside the plant. Last night, Donald T. Marshall, Negro personnel officer for the company and Homer Martin, variously described as "an official of the American Federation of Labor" and as a salesman for a Ford company chemical supplier, addressed a meeting of Negro workers and urged them, in violation of the company's agreement, to mobilize for a forced march into the Rouge plant.

"Marshall and Martin delivered inflammatory addresses designed to create a cleavage between the Negro and white workers. The UAW-CIO constitution and practice does not tolerate racial discrimination. There are thousands of loyal Negro union members among the Ford workers as well as other local unions."

"We urge all Negro Ford workers and all members of the Negro community not to permit members of their race to be made into catpaws of a conscienceless company which stoops to the most un-American practices."

PROVOKE VIOLENCE

The union leaders' statement follows: "Among the many disreputable tactics used by the Ford Motor Company in an effort to provoke violence in the present strike and to break the ranks of the strikers in the vicious practice of sowing hatred and discord between Negro and white workers."

The statement here describes one of the efforts of the Ford Motor Company to provoke violence in the strike by recruiting a group of Negroes, among other strikebreakers, armed with missiles supplied by the Ford Service Department, against the picket line. The group was misled and did not represent the sentiment of the overwhelming majority of Negro Ford workers.

Members of the Detroit Chapter of the National Association for the

Advancement of Colored People circled the Rouge gates for hours today in a sound truck which broadcast appeals to Negro Ford workers not to act as strikebreakers, the union was informed.

In a special leaflet now being distributed in thousands to Negro workers and to the Negro community, the United Automobile Workers and the Ford Organizing Committee states clearly the issues of the strike, the hypocritical practice of Ford posing as a "friend of the Negro people," and pointing out how Ford-inspired strikebreaking forces seek to pit Negro against white in the strike.

The leaflet calls upon the Negro workers not to be misled and shows the benefits won for Negro and white through unionization in the auto industry.

TEXT OF LEAFLET

The text of the leaflet is as follows:

"Negro Ford Workers! Your future is with the CIO!"

"At the present time the UAW-CIO is conducting a strike against the Ford Motor Company in order to settle discharges, grievances and discriminations. We did not want to strike the Ford plants. We hoped that our just grievances could be settled around the conference table in a peaceful and democratic manner. The Ford Motor Company evidently does not believe in true collective bargaining that has lawfully been established by the Wagner Act. The company did everything it could to provoke a strike. The discharge of eight committeemen by the company touched off the spark that led to the present strike."

"They must demonstrate to the world that they recognize the fact that the interests of Negro workers are the same as the interests of white workers. You can strengthen the position of the Ford workers in their struggles by joining with them to bring the present strike at the Ford plant to a successful conclusion. "Unity and solidarity of the

"The Ford Motor Company is un-American!"

"The Ford Motor Company has been found guilty of violating the Federal Wagner Act by the Labor Board. The board's position has been upheld by the District Circuit Court and the United States Supreme Court. The Ford Motor Company has been ordered to rehire over a thousand workers with full back pay."

"Ford is no friend of the Negro!"

"The Ford Motor Company has played no favorites in firing Ford workers. Negro workers as well as white workers have been fired who have dared to improve their status as workers by using their democratic rights of joining a union."

"Today the Ford Motor Company along with the AFL is posing as the champion of the Negro people. The present role that the company is playing is not new to the labor movement. Employers have always tried to divide the workers on racial, religious, nationality and other bases. Today the Ford Motor Company is trying to pit the Negro workers against the white workers in order to attempt to break the strike of the UAW-CIO. The Negro people must not allow the company to use them as strikebreakers."

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Negro and white workers will lead to a splendid victory for the Ford workers."

"The AFL stabs the Negro in the back!"

"Our message to you would not be complete unless we said something about the role that the American Federation of Labor (better known as the American Separation of Labor) is playing. The AFL is trying to use the Negro workers in a back-to-work movement in their futile efforts to break the strike of the Ford workers. These tactics on the part of the AFL are not new, they have performed the same role for the bosses on many occasions in the past."

"The record of the AFL does not warrant the support of the Negro people. The AFL has always followed what is commonly known as a 'illy-white' union policy. Negro workers have been barred from membership in many AFL unions. This policy of discrimination against the Negro workers by the AFL has led to serious unemployment problems for the Negro people."

"The most recent racial discrimination against the Negro people is found in the Boeing Aircraft plant that has a closed shop contract with an AFL federal union which bars Negro workers from employment."

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have been oppressed and exploited for many years by the bosses. The CIO is the only labor union that has endeavored to end the persecution and discrimination of the Negro worker in American industrial life. We do not contend that our union is a cure-all for all of the ills of the Negro people. We do contend, however, that the UAW-CIO is the vehicle

Statewide Protest Swamps Vermont Bill Aimed at Banning Communist Party

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BURLINGTON, Vermont, April 3.—State-wide resentment and protest led to the defeat of a bill aimed at keeping the Communist Party off the ballot in this state.

Although the measure, presented to the Vermont Senate, did not mention the Communist Party by name, the fascist nature of the bill was all too clear, designed to give the Secretary of State absolute power to rule off

the ballot any party which he deemed "subversive" or "allied to a foreign power."

The bill had passed the House and two readings in the Senate when on the third Senate reading a storm of opposition burst forth.

The opposition assailed the bill on the grounds that it was unconstitutional, a step towards fascism, and gave the Secretary of State too much power. The final count in the Senate revealed only one member casting his vote

in favor of the bill.

That the Senate action received wide popular support is indicated by the editorial in the Rutland Herald: "By killing the anti-Communist bill which would have made it possible for the Secretary of State to determine what parties are qualified to nominate candidates by certificate in Vermont, the Senate has reaffirmed the state's belief in the first principles of democracy."

Civil Rights Group to Hold National Parley

Federation for Constitutional Liberties Calls National Action Conference in Washington, April 19-20 to Answer Anti-Labor Attacks

(Special to the Daily Worker)

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 3.—Emphasizing the need for a strong answer to the present violent attacks on labor's rights, the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties today announced a National Action Conference for Civil Rights to be held in Washington, D. C., April 19-20. Announcement of the Conference was made by the Rev. Owen A. Knox, Federation chairman.

Calling attention to current attacks on the rights of the people—against freedom of speech, press and assembly, the right to organize and bargain collectively, the right to privacy of membership lists, the right to vote as you please, the right to freedom of worship and opinion—the call points out that through new organizations, through state-wide conferences and mass protests the people are resisting these attacks.

"Therefore, the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties is calling a National Action Conference for Civil Rights," the call states: "... a conference not for talk, but to plan and act. The masses of the people demand, 'No Blackout of Civil Rights!'"

A public session to be held Sunday, April 20, at the National Press Club Auditorium will feature prominent national figures. "Action Meetings," without formal speeches, will center discussion on pressing civil rights issues. "In them the delegates must play the leading part. Out of them will come clear-cut, workable plans in meeting the issues," according to the call.

Such Action Meetings will be held both April 19 and 20 at the Hamilton Hotel and will cover: Rights of Franchise, Labor's Rights, Racial Discrimination, and Freedom of Speech, Press and Assembly, the Rev. Knox announced.

Workers School Spring Term to Feature History

As an important part of its educational program, the Workers School will feature a number of courses in American history and labor history during the spring semester, which will open on Monday, April 14.

This is in response to the growing interest in labor circles in the historical background of contemporary social and political problems.

The importance of the study of American history was recently emphasized by Earl Browder's statement: "History is the very essence of our thought, and we are going to make history much more efficiently if we theoretically master the whole problem of our own history."

Enrollment for the spring term is now going on at the Workers School registration office, 35 E. 12 St., Room 301. A complete descriptive bulletin is available.

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Lewis' Stand on The Mediation Board

John L. Lewis' warning that the miners will not fall for the Mediation Board's formula for disrupting their strike is obviously correct. His sharp criticism of the Board is in the best interests of the workers as they will recognize more and more clearly from now on.

The Mediation Board reflects the whole government policy of "sacrifice" on the part of the workers while the profits pile up for the employers. The Board, established in order to help beat down living standards, is a product of the "theory" that the burden of the war economy is to be put on the backs of the workers. It is a part of the whole governmental machinery which is directed at placing the blame for strikes at the door of labor instead of where it belongs, at the threshold of the profiteering employers. To safeguard their own interests, the workers cannot be taken in by the slipperiness of the Mediation Board.

The fact is, there is no labor trouble in the United States but there is plenty of employer trouble.

If the Roosevelt Administration is concerned about the strikes, let it exert pressure where the guilt lies—in the camp of the employers. For with their greed, arrogance and repeated violation of the laws, they bear the entire responsibility for whatever strike actions the workers are compelled to undertake.

Cold Comfort On the Convoy Threat

A convenient Congressman appeared yesterday at Washington with the message that President Roosevelt is reported to have said on the issue of convoys that any such plan "is too absurd at this moment."

The Congressman's face is hidden in careful anonymity. No one can check on him. But the technique is familiar. Without taking any responsibility or making any sort of public pledge the idea is to spread the illusion that convoys are not being considered—at least, not now. This is intended to reassure the mothers and fathers of America whose hearts get cold when they hear of the convoy schemes. America knows that convoys mean war in the speediest possible time.

That official Washington is compelled to resort to such shabby reassurances is proof that the alarm of the nation over the convoy scheme is making itself felt. This alarm needs to be awakened and organized as never before. It must be made effective through mass meetings, messages to Congressmen and Senators, resolutions, and similar expressions of public protest.

For while the anonymous Congressman launches these shadowy reassurances, the press howls for blood and for convoys. The Herald Tribune yesterday advances the schedule of deceit another step by demanding that the "short of war" propaganda be now replaced by the "war if necessary" propaganda. Hitler also tells his bleeding victims that their agony in the war is "necessary."

Has any group of war conspirators ever existed that did not justify its acts on the ground of "necessity"?

The yell for war which comes from the Tribune should awaken America as to the path down which it is being taken. "No convoys" will sound from the assembled thousands of such peace meetings as will gather tomorrow on Randall's Island, under the auspices of the American Peace Mobilization. There could be no timelier demand.

They Refuse to Betray France

French fascism celebrated an anniversary yesterday. It is one year since the Daladier and Reynaud government sent 44 French Communist leaders, among them Florimond Bonte, Jacques Duclos, Gabriel Peri and Joanny Berlioz, to prison. They are now in the dungeons of Petafin, the leader of the "new order" in France.

What was the crime of the French Communists for which Daladier and Reynaud sent them to prison?

That they saw through the government's policy which was leading France to disaster. They refused to be bribed or bullied into

silence when they saw that the Daladier-Reynaud-Leon Blum policy of Munichism was bringing ruin to France.

They were right. History proved them right. The same men who sent them to prison turned out to be the betrayers of France. The arrest of the French Communists was the signal for the downfall of French democracy and the rise of French fascism led by Petafin. It is that way in every country.

Yesterday, Petafin released Daladier and Reynaud from the "prison" into which they had been placed soon after the collapse of the French armies. One traitor rewards another. The fascist, Petafin, knows that the "democrats" Daladier and Reynaud are his class brothers.

But though the heroic, self-sacrificing French Communist leaders are still held in prison, French Communists throughout the country remain at their posts, leading the nation against the traitors within and the invaders from without.

Hunted alike by the Vichy government and the Gestapo, they refuse to yield. They will yet lead France out of the hell into which Leon Blum and Daladiers entrapped it. The real France is in Petafin's prisons. But it will not stay there long.

Ford Learned It From Hitler

Henry Ford can't get away with the charge that the strike of his 81,000 employees at River Rouge is some kind of "Communist" plot.

Ford got this lesson in strikebreaking technique along with that medal that Hitler sent him. It is the good old red-herring and Ford is flapping it around wildly as an excuse for the use of force and violence against the workers.

This is not a strike for Communism. It is a strike for simple trade union demands. The workers want Ford to sit down and negotiate: reinstatement of workers discharged for union activity; a wage increase of 10 cents an hour to bring Ford scales up to the standards of General Motors and Chrysler; establishing of a seniority system; abolition of the spy system and other decent conditions.

The strike grows out of the long years of lawlessness on the part of the Ford Motor Company especially in connection with the National Labor Relations Act.

To describe the activities of a group of conservative trade union leaders as Communism, a set of moderate demands as revolution and a strike for such demands as insurrection, is simply ridiculous. Communists naturally are active with their fellow workers in all unions, but to speak of Communist "dominated" and "controlled unions" is plain drivel.

The general public will continue to stand squarely behind the strikers; the Ford workers will not fall for the red-herring but will hold their ground and compel Ford to sit down at a conference table.

On Page 5

Turn to page 5 of today's issue for an exciting and important dispatch. It is the account of the killing of a bill in the Vermont legislature which was aimed at barring the Communist Party from the ballot.

Here in New York State, as well as in other states, similar fascist bills are pending. The people of these states can learn from and be encouraged by this significant development in the Green Mountain State.

An Immediate Danger To New York Labor

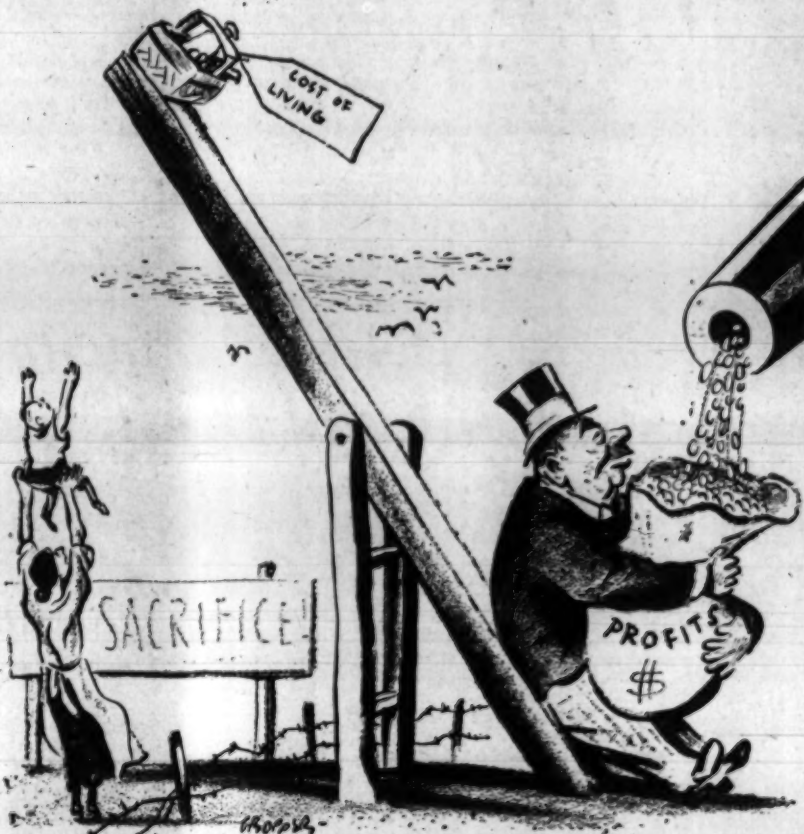
No wonder the State Legislature passed the Wicks bill in a quiet last-minute rush. It is an anti-labor measure of such far-reaching effect that it would have been ripped to shreds had workers and progressives been permitted to speak on it at a public hearing.

Under the pretext of opposing sabotage, the measure subjects to a five- or possible twenty-year sentence—an employee who "leaves unattended" or "interrupts" service on any transit facility. It is aimed directly at the right of workers to strike, and seeks to penalize all efforts of the transit employees to protect their wage standards and working conditions on the subways and buses.

There is no doubt that the bill is intended for use against the Transport Workers Union and its justifiable efforts to maintain union shop conditions on the subways. That is obvious from the fact that Sen. Arthur Wicks sponsors the measure, the reactionary politician who authored the law which attacks the TWU under the guise of protecting civil service.

But if the measure is enacted against the subway workers it will be extended eventually to freeze wages and hamstring unions in private employment. By defeating this bill, the workers will be discouraging similar legislation being considered against unions throughout the "defense" industries.

The Wicks bill is now on Gov. Lehman's desk. It can only be defeated through the widest and most immediate protests from trade unions and their supporters. Wire or write Gov. Lehman in Albany today, insisting upon a veto of the Wicks bill.



For Yugoslav Independence

A REPORT from Yugoslavia indicates that the nation stands "resolutely ready" to wage war if necessary in defense of its independence against German fascist encroachments.

The Yugoslavs want peace. That is to say, they do not want to be used by the British-Washington imperialist alliance any more than they desire to be engulfed by the aggressions of the Berlin-Rome axis.

Two-fold danger confronts the Yugoslavian people. One is Nazi invasion. The other is the effort of London and Washington to use them as a military catspaw. It is quite plain that the mass unrest in Yugoslavia expresses a determination to resist the one disaster as well as to avoid the other.

The Yugoslav masses object to the pact with the Nazi axis, they fear the intrigues of the British, and they clamor for a

strengthening of their country's security through a friendly relationship of their Government with the Soviet Union on the basis of its peace policy. Undoubtedly, the present Yugoslav Government is aware of these mass sentiments. How it will meet them is still a moot question. But the masses are bringing heavy pressure upon that government to make its policy conform to their wishes.

Certainly, the American people can support the efforts of the masses in Yugoslavia to retain their national independence against the aggressions of Berlin, and against the intrigues of the London-Washington circles which seek to shove them into the war. The Administration's policy toward Yugoslavia, which aims at transforming that country into an outpost of the British-U. S. war machine, is quite different from the justifiable determination of the Yugoslavian masses to defend their independence.

A Danger to Mexico and America

Another move in American imperialism's attempts to get a stranglehold on the Latin-American countries was taken when the Roosevelt Administration secured an agreement for military air bases in Mexico.

This is a very dangerous concession for the Mexican government to make. Unquestionably, it would lead to impinging upon the national sovereignty of Mexico and to a tighter grip upon the political and economic life of the people by Wall Street.

Such bases would no more be used for the defense of Mexico than they would be for the defense of the American people. They are for the purpose of overawing this small country with the military might of the United States and thus to make it easier to force it into the war orbit of Washington and Wall Street.

Already Mexico followed the provocative

lead of the Roosevelt Administration when it, too, seized ships of belligerent powers, an act which brings the country that much closer to the "shooting stage" in the European conflict. Moreover, the fact that Peru and other Latin-American countries followed the same procedure, shows that Yankee imperialism is intent upon making the whole of Latin and South America its special field for plunder.

For the American people this development is of serious consequence. Subjecting the Latin-American nations to the President's imperialist plans, heightens further the danger of bringing the conflict to America's shores. Labor and the people of this country will stand shoulder to shoulder with Mexico and other Latin-American nations in protecting their independence and peace from the war policies of Yankee imperialism.

STATE LABOR UNITY KILLS 'ANTI-SABOTAGE' MEASURES

(Continued from Page 1)

defense industries was handed a thumping defeat when it was reported out on the Senate floor late tonight. Senator Francis J. McCaffery, Manhattan Democrat, warned its sponsor, Senator Walter Stokes, Cooperstown Republican, that "you're preserving democracy by whittling it away."

The "step-by-step" method of shattering civil rights was typical of totalitarian states, he said. On a roll call vote the resolution only received 12 votes with 29 voting in the negative.

Another surprise development, indicating that the winds are by no means all blowing in a reactionary direction, was the casting of 40 votes in the Assembly against paying \$47,000 as attorney's fees to Paul Windels, counsel to the Coudert sub-committee investigating alleged subversive activities in New York City schools.

WINDELS FEE ATTACKED

Assemblyman J. Eugene Zimmer, of Troy, sole American Labor Party member of the legislature, voted against both the counsel fees and the \$100,000 appropriation for the continuation of the Coudert sub-committee. Zimmer thus kept his record of opposition to the work of his body absolutely straight, having

voted against it early in the session.

The 40 votes against Windels were cast after Assembly Minority Leader Irwin Stelting attacked the fee as outrageous.

"It strikes me that we members of the legislature give our services to the Rapp-Coudert committee and any other investigation," he said. "The counsel originally took this job as a patriotic duty, a public service. I can't amend this appropriation. I want to serve notice that I think it's outrageous."

JOB AGENCY KNIFED

Passed by both houses was the Guggino Bill reducing interest rates on small loans to 2½ per cent. Originally sponsored by the Democrats it was finally taken over by the Republican majority who gave it to one of their number, Assemblyman Frank Guggino of Buffalo. It was adopted after vigorous debate in both houses and despite persistent pressure of an energetic loan company lobby.

A labor-sponsored bill to regulate fee-charging employment agencies, approved Wednesday in the Assembly, was killed in the Senate. The bill introduced by Assemblyman Harold C. Osterberg (Republican, Wyoming) is similar to legislation that has been in Albany ten years.

Labor forces, however, managed to kill two other bills. The Coudert bill compelling retirement of New York City teachers at 65 instead of 70, passed yesterday in the Senate, was beaten in the Assembly 33 to 108.

The Morgan-Burney bill to permit manufacturers to work women longer hours, introduced at the request of Buffalo Aircraft interests, was also defeated.

A series of Democratic motions to meet Governor Lehman's request for "defense" funds were beaten down in the Senate by straight party votes, 30 to 21. Also defeated was a similar Democratic resolution requiring a referendum of the people of New York in any attempted raise of the five cent fare.

A banker victory was won when the Senate passed and sent to the Assembly the James bill for tapering off the mortgage moratorium. While it extends the moratorium for two years, it provides that thereafter, hard-pressed small homeowners must meet not only the interest but the principal on their mortgages.

Democrats warned that the bill would mean foreclosures for many homeowners. Nevertheless most of them voted for the bill.

--by Gropper

Belgium Grafters Swell Food Prices As People Starve

(By International News)

BASLE, Switzerland (By Mail).—The Belgian people are today suffering not only from disastrously high prices and food shortage but are even paying the further toll of official corruption and swindles.

A recent issue of the "Brusselsche Zeitung" reaching here, writes as follows of this situation:

"For weeks and months the papers of this country have been full of reports about the scandalous price increases, swindle and cases of corruption. Things are getting worse from day to day.

"The people cannot get any potatoes, bread, meat or butter through regular trade any more, while at the same time swindlers and profiteers are filling their purses. In spite of all laws, decrees, distribution plans, price-fixing and fines the 'black trade' sweeps everything before it.

PRICES ZOOMING

"Prices are increasing continuously. Take coffee, for example. If yesterday it cost 125 francs, secret orders will be taken from anyone for 200 francs for tomorrow. If butter was sold on Sunday at 85 francs, by Wednesday it will certainly be 100 francs.

"The butchers have closed their stores for a few days and printed posters appealing to the people to refrain from purchasing meat and to be patient. The butchers declare very frankly that they cannot possibly buy any meat in the regular way. Last Monday not even a piece of bread could be gotten in all of Brussels. Remarkably enough it seemed that all the bakeries had 'run out' of flour at the same time.

"Since then, however, it has been disclosed that officials were involved in a bread swindle. Police officers, furthermore, are getting potatoes by the carload from the country. Functionaries of the food supply department have embezzled tens of thousands of food stamps. Functionaries of the gasoline control bureau can be bribed and are willing to falsify gasoline tickets.

"The whole situation here is one big scandal. "Under these circumstances Germany is being asked to deliver food. This almost sounds like bitter irony."

DANISH TRADE UNION DONATES TO COMMUNIST PARTY

(By International News)

STOCKHOLM (By Mail).—The Copenhagen paper, "Arbejderbladet," reports in its February 4 issue, that one of the largest locals of unskilled workers in Odense, donated 500 crowns to the election campaign fund of the Communist Party in the last elections. Five hundred crowns was also donated to the Social Democratic Party.

The chairman of the local reported that the contribution to the Communist Party was voted for by a much larger majority than the contribution to the Social Democratic Party.

HIT BETRAYERS

The local also passed a resolution, to be sent to the Reichstag and the government, demanding the enactment of measures to improve the living conditions of the working people. Declaring that the workers alone have been forced to carry the burdens of "national unity" through high prices and lowered wages, the resolution demands a "more just distribution of the burden, which should logically be the prerequisite for a government of 'national unity'."

Hitting out against their own betrayers, the local also voted to send a letter to the Trade Union Federation, declaring:

"We feel betrayed by the price policy and capitulating maneuvers of reactionary trade union leaders. We demand that the complete fighting force of the trade unions should be used to raise wages to the level of the new prices."

SWEDISH TUBE WORKERS' UNION TABLES ANTI-COMMUNIST RESOLUTION

(By International News)

STOCKHOLM (By Mail).—A recent membership meeting of the Tube Workers' local of the Metal Workers' Federation voted to table the recommendation of the Federation to prohibit Communists from holding important offices in the Federation.

The union also voted to give Communist representatives the opportunity to run for office in the next executive election.

In Norrtälje, the Carpenters' Union voted to reconsider its previous decision to ban Communists from positions on the executive board of the union.

Letters From Our Readers

Like Publication of Excerpts From Browder's Writings

New York, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

We are writing to tell how happy we have been made by the Daily Worker printing an excerpt from the writings of Comrade Earl Browder every day. It is just and proper that we show the world, all the millions of misinformed and misled Americans what manner of man Earl Browder is.

The writings of Earl Browder are a tremendous indictment of his foul jailers and of the whole rotten system which Roosevelt is trying to save with the deaths of millions of Americans on the fields of war. The excerpts you print cry out, "Look American workers, this is the kind of man Browder is. His only crime is that he loves his country. His only wish is the security and peace of all Americans; for that they have tried to still his voice and hide his body in the deepest dungeons." This truth must be brought to the American workers and Earl Browder will be free. Let us get busy with the Browder Fund and increasing the sale and influence of the Daily and Sunday Worker.

Once again, congratulations for running the daily excerpts from Browder's writings. Browder once said, "The Daily is as important to us as air and light." Let us show that Browder himself is as important to us and the American working class as air and light.

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